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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3483rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 16 December 1994, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Security Council working methods and procedure", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council has heard the views of members of the Council and many other United Nations Member States on the item under discussion. These have revealed widespread support for greater recourse to open meetings of the Council and a clear will on the part of the members of the Council to respond to this. It is therefore the intention of the Council, as part of its efforts to improve the flow of information and the exchange of ideas between members of the Council and other United Nations Member States, that there should be an increased recourse to open meetings, in particular at an early stage in its consideration of a subject. The Council will decide on a case-by-case basis when to schedule public meetings of this sort. The Security Council's working group on documentation and procedure will examine further this question in the light of the views expressed and submit a report without delay.

"The Security Council will consider further this question."

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